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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 26, 2011, several members of the Minnesota Legislature sent a letter in support of LightSquared's application to the FCC to initiate service. The type of technology being offered by LightSquared has great potential for rural areas, including the people in the district that I represent. Many rural areas in our state are underserved by, or lack access to, high speed internet.

Recently, however, there have been reports that the Obama Administration pressured Department of Defense officials to downplay concerns over LightSquared's potential interference with military GPS signals. This is new information to us. It has also been reported that LightSquared's network has the potential to interfere with farm and emergency services equipment. We take those concerns seriously, and would want to see any potential interference issues resolved prior to LightSquared's service beginning operation.

We hope that the FCC will fully investigate the interference issues, and seek a resolution that allows LightSquared's potential for rural areas to be realized without compromising military, emergency services, or other system's GPS signals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Torrey Westrom".

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